

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 11 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

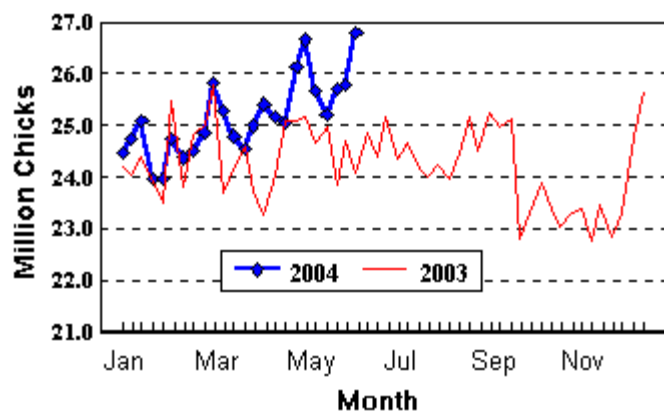
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 26.8 million during the week ending June 12, 2004. Placements were up 11 percent from the comparable week in 2003, and up 4 percent from the previous week, and included 4.0 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through June 12, 2004 were 604.3 million, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 26.5 million, up 3 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but down 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.4 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.5 percent.

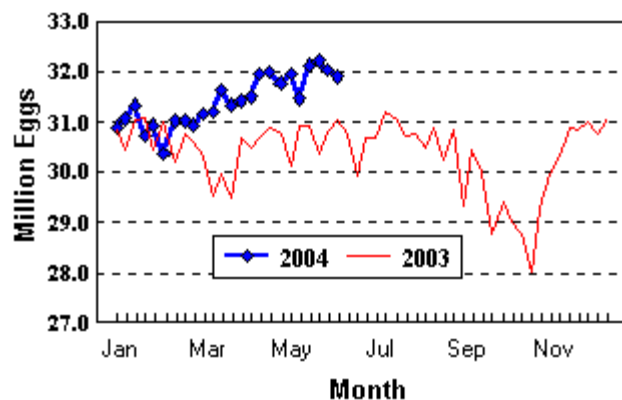
Arkansas hatcheries set 31.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending June 12, 2004, up 3 percent from the same period last year, but down slightly from the revised previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change	2003	2004	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
May 8	25,204	26,707	106	25,441	26,377	104	30,169	31,961	106
May 15	24,690	25,698	104	25,804	26,395	102	30,945	31,494	102
May 22	24,987	25,239	101	25,656	26,313	103	30,963	32,157	104
May 29	23,863	25,729	108	25,136	26,384	105	30,369	32,245	106
Jun. 5	24,744	25,792	104	25,944	26,677	103	30,797	32,066	104
Jun. 12	24,094	26,794	111	25,855	26,514	103	31,052	31,916	103

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2003-2004



EGGS SET, 2003 - 2004



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2004

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	22-May	29-May	05-Jun	12-Jun		08-May	15-May	22-May	29-May	05-Jun	12-Jun	
Alabama	30,879	30,317	30,043	30,296	106	22,735	21,805	22,568	22,028	22,168	22,248	103
ARKANSAS	32,157	31,991	32,066 *	31,916	103	26,707	25,698	25,239	25,729	25,792	26,794	111
Delaware	3,871	3,935	3,832	3,844	106	4,686	4,511	5,286	5,724	5,252	5,535	117
Florida	1,389	1,389	1,387	1,371	103	1,531 *	1,666 *	1,526	1,576 *	1,474 *	1,500	96
Georgia	33,121	33,203	33,046	33,202	101	26,648 *	26,992	26,428	25,221	26,384 *	26,951	102
Kentucky	7,107	7,189 *	7,291 *	7,145	106	6,176	6,094	5,728	5,805 *	5,918 *	6,021	105
Louisiana	3,892	3,890	3,891	3,892	98	4,070	3,744	3,813	4,172	4,092	3,669	91
Maryland	8,990	9,007	8,989	9,012	94	5,689	6,439	4,937	5,099	5,560	5,849	85
Mississippi	19,363	19,496	19,529	19,682	101	16,915	16,807	16,785	17,077	17,280	17,251	103
N. Carolina	18,839 *	18,406	18,634	19,160	103	15,200	15,013	15,161	15,618	15,577	15,010	99
Oklahoma	6,500	6,559	6,483	6,453	96	3,929	5,001	5,680	4,219	4,799	4,630	82
Pennsylvania	3,773 *	3,263 *	3,661 *	3,954	103	2,902	2,874	2,765 *	2,838 *	2,684 *	2,616	96
S. Carolina	3,781	3,738	3,751	3,733	82	4,352	3,863	3,954	5,174	4,636	4,453	115
Texas	15,243	15,343	15,093	15,193	103	12,850	12,760	12,868	13,126	12,912	12,985	103
Virginia	6,675	6,747	6,688	6,768	102	5,236	5,609	5,731	5,264	5,292	5,420	102
CA,MO,IN,WV	18,245 *	17,858 *	17,864 *	17,714	103	15,087	15,674	15,920	15,592 *	16,985 *	17,293	104
Total 2004	213,825 *	212,331 *	212,248 *	213,335		174,713 *	174,550 *	174,389 *	174,262 *	176,805 *	178,225	
Total 2003	211,168	210,125	211,135	209,410		171,830	170,953	172,110	170,346	173,036	173,964	
%Prev. Year	101	101	101	102		102	102	101	102	102	102	
Approximate Marketing Date 2004.....						26-Jun	03-Jul	10-Jul	17-Jul	24-Jul	31-Jul	

* Revised. 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 213 million eggs during the week ending June 12, 2004. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 178 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 12, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through June 12, 2004 were 4.11 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.